

Michael Parr	Interviewed by Iain McNiven 12.1.15
1.10	<p>Living in Shadwell at the moment. Ancestor involved in Oakwood Clock incident.</p> <p>Great grandfather William Paley died after falling from clock. Think it happened when they were taking the clock down to move it to Oakwood. The story came from William's daughter Agnes (Michael's great aunt) who told it to Michael's mother.</p>
2.30	<p>At the middle entrance to the market, William fell off, or the scaffolding collapsed, and he died from his injuries. Family were told of a big funeral with black horses. He left 6 children. His wife Mary was an Irish Catholic whereas he was Protestant and they were cut off from rest of family. Boys were brought up as Protestants and the girls as Catholics. There was no compensation so the family had no money. Thinks the mother suffered a lot. Family story was that she had a nervous breakdown.</p>
3.20	<p>2 children fought in the First World War, one, Michael's Uncle Joe, was gassed. One daughter, Flo, died from Spanish flu along with her baby daughter.</p>
4.55	<p>Grandfather Henry went to war aged 15 – he met his older brother Joe who reported him and got him sent home as underage.</p> <p>Has no mixed feelings about the clock. It wasn't the clock's fault! Pleased to see it always has the correct time on it.</p>